



GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
August 17, 2021
6:22 p.m.

County Square - Council Chambers

Council Members

Mr. Willis Meadows, *Chairman, District 19*
Mr. Dan Tripp, *Vice-Chairman, District 28*
Mrs. Xanthene Norris, *Chairman Pro Tem, District 23*
Mr. Joe Dill, *District 17*
Mr. Mike Barnes, *District 18*
Mr. Stephen Shaw, *District 20*
Mr. Chris Harrison, *District 21*
Mr. Stan Tzouvelekas, *District 22*
Mrs. Liz Seman, *District 24*
Mr. Ennis Fant, Sr., *District 25*
Mr. Lynn Ballard, *District 26*
Mr. Butch Kirven, *District 27*

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted online and on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Council Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Joe Kernell, *County Administrator*
Mark Tollison, *County Attorney*
Dean Campbell, *Deputy County Attorney*
John Hansley, *Deputy County Administrator*
Regina McCaskill, *Clerk to Council*
Jessica Stone, *Deputy Clerk to Council*

Pam Gilliam, *Administrative Assistant*
Bob Mihalic, *Governmental Affairs Officer*
Paula Gucker, *Assistant County Administrator, Public Works*
Nicole Wood, *Assistant County Administrator*
Shannon Herman, *Assistant County Administrator*

Others Present

Sheriff Hobart Lewis, *Greenville County Sheriff's Office*

Call to Order

Chairman Willis Meadows

Invocation

Councilor Ennis Fant

Pledge of Allegiance

Item (4) **Approval of Minutes**

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021, Regular Council Meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (5) **Appearances – Current Agenda Items**

- **Ryan Flowers** – appeared regarding Item 10.i. Ordinance to Establish County Prohibition on Infringements of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms
- Steven Boehm** – appeared regarding Item 10.i. Ordinance to Establish County Prohibition on Infringements of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms
- John Bowman** – appeared regarding Item 10.i. Ordinance to Establish County Prohibition on Infringements of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Item (6) **Public Hearings**

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Valleybrook – Pine Shadows Subdivision

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include the Valleybrook – Pine Shadows neighborhoods.

There being no speakers, Councilor Seman declared the public hearing closed.

b. Boiling Springs Fire District / Millage Request

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding a resolution to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

c. Greenville County Special Source Revenue Bond / Tenth Supplemental Ordinance

A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving comments from the public regarding an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$60,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Series 2021 Bonds in connection therewith; and other matters related thereto.

There being no speakers, Vice-Chairman Tripp declared the public hearing closed.

Item (7) **Consent Agenda**

- a. 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Program** *(Finance)*
- b. FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program** *(Finance)*
- c. FY2021 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG)** *(Finance)*
- d. BISSELL Pet Foundation Grant** *(Finance)*
- e. Community Project Application / Duncan Chapel Elementary School - \$2,000.00** *(Finance)*
- f. Community Project Application / Slater Marietta Fire Department – Paint Station Room \$4,500.00** *(Finance)*

Action: Councilor Seman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (8) **Resolutions**

a. Greater Greenville Sanitation District Annexation / Valleybrook – Pine Shadows Subdivision

Action: Councilor Seman moved for adoption a resolution to enlarge the boundaries of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District to include the Valleybrook – Pine Shadows neighborhoods.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Boiling Springs Fire District / Millage Request

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to provide for the millage rate to be levied by the Boiling Springs Fire District.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Abandoned Building Site Certification – 1306, 1310, 1312 and 1314 Woodside Avenue

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption a resolution to certify 1306, 1310, 1312 and 1314 Woodside Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina as an abandoned building site pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (9) **Ordinances – Third Reading**

a. Zoning Ordinances

i. CZ-2021-39: Property of Silver Hawk, LLC, located at 200 Mill Street, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-S.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

ii. CZ-2021-40: Property of SCP / Dexter Augusta, LLC, located at 6901 Augusta Road, requesting rezoning from S-1 to I-1.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

iii. CZ-2021-41: Property of John Thomas Latham on behalf of Med Rentals, LLC, located on S. Welcome Road and Julian Avenue, requesting rezoning from R-12 to R-MA.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

iv. CZ-2021-43: Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 202 E. Belvue Road and 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230 Sunnydale Drive, requesting rezoning from R-10 to R-6.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2021-44:** Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230 Sunnydale Drive and 202 E. Belvue Road, requesting rezoning from R-10 to I-1.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- vi. **CZ-2021-45:** Property of Lister Properties, LLC, located at 208 E. Belvue Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to R-12.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- vii. **CZ-2021-48:** Property of Roman Phillip Jaskin, located on Neely Ferry Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to S-1.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- viii. **CZ-2021-49:** Property of Gus Rubio on behalf of Gabriel Builders, Inc., located at 8699 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-15.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- xii. **CZ-2021-50:** Property of Wyman H. McCrary, Jr., located at 4801 White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from POD to C-1.

Action: Councilor Dill moved adoption of the ordinance at third reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Comprehensive Plan Amendment / Five Forks Area Plan (CP-2021-01)

Action: Councilor Dill moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to adopt the Five Forks Area Plan as an amendment to the Greenville County Comprehensive Plan (2020).

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Sage Automotive Interiors Inc. / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance authorizing a first amendment to that certain fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina, and Sage Automotive Interiors, Inc.; to enter into such other necessary agreements or amendments to effect the intent of this ordinance; and other related matters.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Article 3.1 Repeal

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations to update the regulations with additional plan and plat information, and traffic requirements; to add definitions; to provide Rural Conservation Subdivision Design Standards; to repeal Land Development Regulation Section 3.1 "Review Criteria"; and other matters related thereto.

Action: Councilor Barnes moved to approve Amendment 1 as presented in the agenda.

Action: Councilor Fant called for the question.

Vice-Chairman Tripp asked if any discussion would be permitted on the item.

Chairman Meadows stated the question had been called; a vote on the motion was in order.

Councilor Seman requested a roll call vote.

Motion to call for the question carried by a roll call vote of seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Tzouvelekas, Norris, Fant and Ballard) in favor and five (Dill, Harrison, Seman, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Motion to amend carried by a roll call vote of seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Fant) in favor and five (Dill, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Chairman Meadows stated the amendment passed and the ordinance, as amended, was on the floor.

Action: Councilor Fant called for the question.

Motion to call for the question carried by a roll call vote of seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Fant) in favor and five (Dill, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Motion as amended carried by a roll call vote of seven (Barnes, Meadows, Shaw, Harrison, Tzouvelekas, Norris and Fant) in favor and five (Dill, Seman, Ballard, Kirven and Tripp) in opposition.

Councilor Ballard stated he wanted to clarify his vote as “no”; he had no idea how the amendments would affect the people of Greenville County.

e. EG Access BP 1 1031, LLC (formerly Project Stagecoach I) / Fee in Lieu of Tax

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and EG Access BP 1 1031, LLC (formerly Project Stagecoach I) with respect to certain economic development property in the county, where by such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. EGP Access BP 2 1031, LLC (formerly Project Stagecoach II) / Fee in Lieu of Tax

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for adoption at third reading an authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement inducement agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and EGP Access BP 2 1031, LLC (formerly Project Stagecoach II) with respect to certain economic development property in the county, where by such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item (10) Ordinances – Second Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

- i. CZ-2021-51:** Property of Business Park Proprieties LLC, located on Fork Shoals Road, Standing Springs Road, and Business Park Court, requesting rezoning from S-1 to C-2. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. **CZ-2021-52:** Property of Lori L. Mauldin, located on Riverside Drive, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-7.5. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iii. **CZ-2021-53:** Property of David and Sandra King and Steven Randy King, located at 321 and 325 Sullivan Road, requesting rezoning from R-S to R-12. The Planning Commission recommended denial and the Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- iv. **CZ-2021-55:** Property of North Main Exchange, LLC, located at 304 Arcadia Drive and Worley Road, requesting rezoning from I-1 to FRD. The Planning Commission

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to amend the request to include the following conditions:

1. *To show and include sidewalks between building and parking areas, as well as to the edge of the property.*
2. *To reduce site lighting to be a maximum height of 30 feet.*
3. *To meet all requirements of Greenville County and the Traffic Impact Study dated May 4, 2021.*
4. *To submit a site plan for review and approval prior to the issuance of any land development or building permits.*

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

- v. **CZ-2021-56:** Property of Jesus Anibal Tamayo, located on White Horse Road, requesting rezoning from R-12 to O-D. The Planning Commission and Committee recommended approval.

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance at second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Land Development Regulations Amendment / Tiny Homes

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Dill moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend the Greenville County Land Development Regulations for the County of Greenville, South Carolina, as amended, to include provisions for regulations of tiny homes.

Action: Councilor Dill moved to allow for amendments at third reading.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Councilor Dill moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond / General Obligation Bond Ordinance

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of Greenville County, South Carolina Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, and other matters pertaining thereto; prescribing the form of bonds issued hereunder; pledging local hospitality taxes to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds; and making other covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined pages that were included in the Agenda Packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond / First Supplemental Ordinance

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale by Greenville County, South Carolina of (i) not exceeding \$27,000,000 Taxable Hospitality Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021a and (ii) not exceeding \$5,000,000 Hospitality Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2021b, and other matters relating thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined pages that were included in the Agenda Packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

e. Greenville County Special Source Revenue Bond / Tenth Supplemental Ordinance

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$60,000,000 Greenville County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds, Series 2021; authorizing the execution and delivery of the Series 2021 Bonds in connection therewith; and other matters relating thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the changes outlined in the red-lined pages that were included in the Agenda Packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved approval of the ordinance as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Project Bingham / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the County at this time as Project Bingham with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, including the provision of certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

g. Project Care / Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the County at this time as Project Care with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

h. Project Care / Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park (2010 Park) Agreement Amendment

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Action: Vice-Chairman Tripp moved to hold the item until a public hearing could be scheduled.

Motion to hold carried unanimously.

i. Ordinance to Establish County Prohibition on Infringements of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Action: On behalf of the Committee, Councilor Shaw moved for approval at second reading an ordinance to establish a county prohibition on infringements of the right to keep and bear arms.

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the Committee approved version of the ordinance that was included in the Agenda Packet.

Motion to amend carried unanimously.

Councilor Kirven stated many times throughout his career as a member of the armed forces and as an elected official, he had raised his right hand and swore to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, as well as the Constitution of the State of South Carolina. The proposed ordinance neither enhanced nor degraded his ability to carry out those duties; therefore, he would vote to support it.

Without objection, the motion as amended carried unanimously.

Item (11) Ordinances – First Reading

a. Zoning Ordinances

Councilor Dill presented for first reading Zoning Dockets **CZ-2021-71** through **CZ-2021-75** and **CZ-2021-77**.

Chairman Meadows referred the items to the Planning and Development Committee.

b. Master Lease Agreement – Greenville County Halton Road Campus

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate leases of available office space in the County owned facilities located at 350 and 352 Halton Road (the “Greenville County Halton Road Campus”); and to authorize the County Administrator and Chairman of County Council to execute such lease agreements.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

c. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment / CenterPoint IGA

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to amend the agreement for development of a joint county industrial and business park by and between Greenville County and Anderson County, South Carolina, so as to include additional property in Greenville County as part of the joint county industrial and business park, to amend an intergovernmental agreement between the County and the City of Mauldin, and other matters relating thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

d. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement / Project New

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to develop a joint county industrial and business park in conjunction with Anderson County, such industrial and business park to be geographically located in Anderson County and established pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, and South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 §4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Anderson County providing for the expenses of the park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; to provide that jobs tax credits allowed by law be provided for businesses locating in said park; to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation within said park; and other matters related thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

e. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Willcoll Land LLC (formerly Project Mila)

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

f. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Star EV Corporation (formerly Project Stella)

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

g. Project Jay / Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a special source credit agreement by and between Greenville County, South Carolina and a company known to the county at this time as Project Jay with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property would receive certain special source credits in respect of investment in related infrastructure; and other matter related thereto.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

h. Greenville – Anderson Multi County Industrial Business Park Agreement Amendment (2010 Park) / Project Jay

Vice-Chairman Tripp presented for first reading an ordinance to amend an agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park (2010 Park) of Anderson and Greenville Counties so as to enlarge the park.

Chairman Meadows stated the item would be held on the floor until a public hearing was scheduled.

Item (12) Committee Reports

There were no reports.

Item (13) Administrator’s Report

Joe Kernell provided an update for the ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program). To date, 1617 households had received assistance totaling \$7,548,000, of which \$344,000 was used for utility payments. It was anticipated the funds would be depleted by the end of September, if current trends continued. The application portal would more than likely close the beginning of September in order to give staff ample time to review and process existing applications. Priority would be given to those households below 30% AMI with an eviction notice or who had been unemployed for 90+ days. The County was part of an outreach team to ensure residents in high need communities were aware of the program. Mr. Kernell stated Greenville County had partnered with area non-profits and others to serve as access points for application assistance.

In regards to the “second wave” of funding received (ERAP II), staff was working with community housing partners such as United Housing Connection, Greenville Housing Fund, Greenville Homeless Alliance, SHARE and others, to develop a continuation of the ERAP with a more holistic approach. Services would include rent and utility assistance to households below 80% AMI, case management, eviction assistance, housing support services and more. The program would coach people to be more “housing secure.” The focus would be on families with children who were homeless and living in motels, which had been a major issue for a number of years. Mr. Kernell stated the program would also serve households that needed more than one or two months of rental assistance. The program met the Federal guidelines outlined for ERAP II. Greenville County had received \$5 million of the \$12.5 million award.

Mr. Kernell stated the Clerk of Court operations were scheduled to move to Halton Road from the Family Court building during the upcoming weekend. They expected to resume operations on Monday, August 23. The Family Court building would be demolished and construction could start on the planned parking deck.

Councilor Dill asked when the relocation of departments would be completed. He also inquired about some type of planned public event to commemorate the move.

Mr. Kernell stated it would occur “later down the road.” The main focus had been on vacating the Family Court building. It was anticipated that the other state agencies such as DSS, DJJ and the Health Department would move sometime around November or December; an event would take place after the relocation of those agencies.

Item (14)**Requests and Motions**

- Councilor Seman stated during the Public Works and Infrastructure meeting held earlier in the day, Paula Gucker provided an update regarding the County's response to the severe weather situation in Mauldin, and possibly other areas. She hoped the damage was minimal and she appreciated staff's swift action.

Ms. Seman stated she was thankful to all the attendees, whether they were on the prevailing side or not. Public engagement was "super important"; she hoped citizens continued to attend the meetings. She expressed her disappointment that there was no opportunity for debate regarding the replacement of Article 3.1. She appreciated the fact that there were seven (7) names on the amendments; perhaps the outcome was a foregone conclusion. The citizens of Greenville County deserved the hear Council debate issues; she hoped Council would be given the opportunity to discuss issues in the future.

Councilor Seman inquired about any rules regarding whether or not Council Members had to be "on camera" during online participation in meetings.

Mr. Tollison stated Council had no rules governing online participation during meetings; it was "simply allowed." There were no criteria or rules in place.

Ms. Seman stated she appreciated having the ability to participate remotely; however, it was important for citizens to see the faces of Council Members at all times to ensure they were "staying engaged." She suggested Council consider the issue.

- Councilor Fant stated SCTAC recently held its annual retreat; he was glad to see a concerted effort moving forward to establish SCTAC as a regional industrial park with the added benefit of the airstrip.

Chief Sadler with Donaldson Fire Department planned to retire after 51 years of service to SCTAC. His last day of employment was August 31. Council was invited to a celebration of his retirement scheduled for September 1, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., to be held at the Donaldson Fire Center – Main Station located on Perimeter Road.

- Councilor Ballard congratulated the Greenville County Coroner's Office for receiving certification and being recognized by the National Association of Coroners.

Mr. Ballard stated exactly ten years ago to the day, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office founded the Crimes Against Children Unit. It was his understanding that the unit, under the leadership of Major Ty Miller, had prosecuted 7500 perpetrators. The members of the unit performed very difficult, but very important, work and did an outstanding job.

- Councilor Kirven stated it was not unexpected that the amendments to Article 3.1 were approved by Council; he could have predicted the 7-5 vote. He was disappointed in the way the vote developed; a lot of work went into the issue by a number of citizens and groups. Several Council Members were not given the opportunity to discuss the issue and provide input. Mr. Kirven stated a workshop should have been scheduled to address Article 3.1. He was discouraged by the fact that any discussion or debate regarding Article 3.1 was shut down prior to the vote.

Mr. Kirven stated there were a lot of good ideas in the amendment and it appeared to be leaning in the "right direction"; however, it could have achieved more. He was especially disappointed that Section 8.8.2, which dealt with roads, was deleted in the amendment in regards to staff recommendations. Section 8.8.2 actually tied the County's hands in being able to work with developers to get infrastructure improvements on the roads to make them safer. There were fewer dollars available for roads due to the recent court decision; it would be a "tough hill to climb." A number of roads in the rural areas were very narrow, 18' wide, "ditch to ditch." There were no resources available for improvements other than a traffic study, which required 45 lots to "trigger" a study. A development with less than 45 lots did not require a traffic study. There did not appear to be an appreciation of the differences between what DOT could do and what the County could do

regarding roads. DOT could require turn lanes without a traffic study; the County could not. DOT could require a traffic study at any threshold, or no threshold, of the number of lots. The County previously required 90 lots to complete a traffic study; the number now was 45. DOT could require signalization at intersections, where needed; Greenville County could not. DOT could require acceleration lanes; the County could not. DOT could require intersection upgrades; the County could not. Without those tools, developers would be encouraged to seek out narrow, rural roads for developments, which would contribute to sprawl. In the end, the cost to fix those roads would fall squarely on the taxpayers. For developers, the amendment was a blueprint for profit and sprawl; for the citizens of Greenville County, it was a travesty, as was the predetermined 7-5 vote with no opportunity allowed for discussion or debate.

- Chairman Meadows stated Mr. Kirven must have forgotten that under his administration, the same thing happened. He would not allow discussion on many issues; Council had learned very well from him.
- Vice-Chairman Tripp stated he would like to counter Mr. Meadows' statement. The majority did not have a divine right to shut the minority down. He was ashamed of Mr. Fant, that as a minority, he shut the minority down; he was a hypocrite. Mr. Tripp stated his "record was very clear" on calling for the question. He was incensed by Mr. Meadows' leadership, or lack thereof. There had been no group discussion about the amendments prior to being adopted at a "secret meeting", held earlier in the week. It was wrong; there would be "no peace" on Council while Mr. Meadows continued to "thumb" the minority.
- Councilor Dill asked Mr. Tollison about how Item 9.d. was put on the Council floor for consideration. He heard Mr. Barnes request approval of "Amendment 1", none of the other amendments included on the agenda were put on the floor consideration. He asked if the other amendments were "null and void" and only Amendment 1 was approved.

Chairman Meadows stated Amendment 1 included Amendments 2, 3 and 4.

Mr. Tollison stated, administratively, all of the subsequent amendments were included in Amendment 1.

Councilor Dill stated the ordinance dealing with Accommodations Tax allocations indicated the money had to be allocated to organizations that used the money themselves, not given to other organizations. Council needed to either clarify the requirement or eliminate it; he requested the item be put on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda.

Councilor Dill stated Council's approval of Item 9.d., along with the amendments, had put him in an unwanted position. It was unknown how citizens living in the unzoned parts of the County would be affected. Mr. Dill stated he and Mr. Ballard were neither consulted nor involved in the development of the amendments. Mr. Dill requested Mr. Tollison assist in formulating an ordinance that would bring forward a moratorium on growth in all of Greenville County, not just the unzoned areas.

- Councilor Shaw stated the Planning and Development Committee recently passed an agricultural zoning text amendment. He hoped it would regulate land development in the unzoned areas of the County. Staff was very involved in the process.

Mr. Shaw requested Chairman Meadows form an ad hoc committee to study possible ways for development to "pay its way" through some type of fees, such as impact fees or gas fees.

Councilor Shaw thanked Mr. Kirven for his military service.

Mr. Shaw wished Mr. Barnes a Happy Birthday.

Item (15) **Adjournment**

Action: Councilor Shaw moved to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Regina G. McCaskill
Clerk to Council